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**TO:** Attorney General John Ashcroft

**FROM:** Dan McGur /

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letter to Attorney General John  
Ashcroft.

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January 25, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my support of the settlement agreement in the Microsoft antitrust case. The agreement's terms are both fair and reasonable, and the Court should approve the settlement. This settlement is important for our economy.

In the interest of resolving the litigation, Microsoft has agreed to a wide variety of concessions. They have agreed to design Windows in such a way that it will be easier for consumers to replace features of Windows with software programs made by Microsoft's competitors. This will result in greater choice for the consumer. Additionally, in an effort to allay fears of predatory behavior, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against those who distribute or promote software that competes with Windows. Microsoft has also agreed to give up its right in many cases to go after those who infringe on Microsoft's intellectual property rights. These types of concessions illustrate how the agreement provides the appropriate remedy for the complaints lodged against Microsoft.

I would like to see this case resolved. I appreciate your efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,



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Chairman & CEO  
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